

JULY
31 August 1963

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

**SUBJECT: AID Request for Classified Information for
Presentation to House Appropriations Committee**

1. At 1030 hours on 31 July 1963, Mr. Sheldon called Mr. Crawford of the Department of State referring to his conversation with Mr. Denny yesterday, the substance of which concerned AID's request for information to present to the House Appropriations Committee concerning shipments to Cuba from Soviet Bloc ports, cargos, nationality of ships carrying cargos, and whether or not Western ships or ships of countries to whom the U.S. gives financial assistance were involved.

2. Mr. Sheldon stated that he had discussed this matter with Mr. Denny this morning after having discussed it with the Director. He stated the Director's concern is the presentation of classified material in an open session of the Committee. Mr. Crawford stated that all presentations are scheduled for Executive Session, even though some unclassified material will be included. Mr. Sheldon stated that since the DCI is by law the responsible person for the protection of intelligence sources and methods, he would nevertheless prefer that CIA supply experts in the required fields to assist AID in their presentations before the Committee, and also to give the Committee a more complete understanding of the problems involved. Mr. Crawford stated that he felt this assistance would be advantageous to all concerned and that he would contact AID for their reaction, although he was almost certain they would appreciate the offer of assistance. Mr. Sheldon requested that in so doing Mr. Crawford determine AID's requirements in order that CIA can tailor its contribution to satisfy both AID's and State's needs. Mr. Crawford said he would explore this with AID and advise Mr. Sheldon of the results.

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